

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

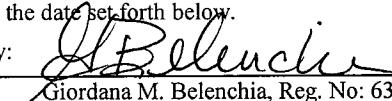
Applicant:	Tushar Patel et al.	Group Art Unit:	3733
Application No.:	10/609,123, Conf. # 6697	Examiner:	David C. Comstock
Filed:	June 27, 2003		
Entitled:	TISSUE RETRCTOR AND DRILL GUIDE		
Docket No.:	101896-178 (DEP5100USNP)		

Certificate of Transmission (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed via EFS-Web to: MS AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

April 8, 2009

By:



Giordana M. Belenchia, Reg. No: 63,680
Attorney for Applicant(s)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.